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De Cew Falls.—Within the Province of Ontario there are many attractive bits of scenery well worth seeing, some of which are very little known. One of the most beautiful of these is De Cew Falls, and is located about five miles from St. Catharines. The stream is quite small, but the falls are very picturesque, especially the lower one. For the two fine pictures which adorn this issue we are indebted to the courtesy of the Brantford *Expositor*. The photographs were contributed to that paper for an amateur photograph competition, and received the prize.

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Machinery.—The *Church Economist* has the following sensible remarks concerning organization:—"Periodically, some critic raises his voice in condemnation of church machinery—and generally with an element of truth. The latest attack which we happen to notice comes from Dr. Parker, of London, who goes over the familiar ground with characteristic force and picturesqueness. To all such criticisms there is one general reply—that this is an age of machinery. Everything is highly organized, in business, education, society and religion. The twentieth century is not the first or the sixteenth; and when it attempts to be any other century but the twentieth it simply makes itself silly. Then there is this to be said: Take six churches that are alive and buzzing with machinery and six that are notably without machinery. Let your own observation decide which is the more satisfactory group. Dr. Parker recurs to the trite argument that Christ's teaching was without liturgy or paraphernalia. What of that? So was His healing. Shall we then discard the apparatus of the modern hospital?"

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Going Down.—It is gratifying to know that at the Spiritualist gathering held recently in New York under the auspices of the National Spiritualists Association, it was noted that for some years Spiritualism had been in a decline. There are now less than sixty Spiritualist

societies and lyceums, where several years ago there were 500 to 700. The membership is steadily decreasing in twenty-one states. Spiritualism has perpetrated more frauds upon the public than any other "ism" that ever existed.

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Generous Indeed.—We wonder, remarks the *Canadian Baptist*, if there are very many men in our churches who are

the non-subscriber composedly stood up and said: "I second that motion." It is easy to be liberal with other people's money.

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The Garden of Canada.—The country at this season is looking very beautiful. Nature has indeed put on her most attractive garments. A ride through the garden of Canada from Hamilton to Niagara Falls during the month of June is a rare experience to one not accustomed to a fruit country. If there is any finer section in the world we have not seen it.

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About Prize-Fighting.

—Fitzsimmons ought to know something about prize-fighting, and he evidently does not think much of it. It was some time ago that an interview with this world-renowned pugilist was published in *Leslie's Illustrated Weekly*, but his testimony is as true to-day and shows prize-fighting in its real light: "My home—all my thought is in my home and babies. That is why I am not popular—I am not 'one of the boys.' I don't like the bar-room. I am not a 'good fellow.' My experience of the 'good fellow' teaches me that he is always a selfish, cold-blooded humbug, fraud, and without heart or conscience. Oh, yes, I'm the champion of the world, and make a good deal of money and wear big diamonds; am cheered by the small boy and followed by crowds of people, who toady and 'jolly' and flatter me. And deep down in my heart I detest and despise myself as much as I detest and despise these—who do you call them—sycophants, time-servers—that's the word. Were I defeated to-morrow these rats would turn their back on me and rush around the new light. I have somehow drifted into the championship, and I suppose in honor I must defend it as long as I am able. And after that—well, after that I am contented to say good-bye forever to the ring and all its blighted fruits. In future days prize-fighting will be dead, and the world will be none the worse without it."



UPPER DE CEW FALLS.
From amateur photograph.

generous with other people's money only after the following fashion: A special subscription was being taken up in a certain church to meet a pressing need. One old gentleman was observed passing the paper on without subscribing anything. When all that would had put down their names, it was found that only one-half the amount needed had been pledged. One man proposed that each one should double his subscription. Then